



2012 SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA DEER HUNT INFORMATION (989) 865-6211

The Shiawassee River State Game Area (SRSGA) and the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) deer hunts will be handled separately. For information on the SNWR hunts please contact the refuge at 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601, (989) 777-5930. You may apply for both state and federal pre-registered hunts.

**NOTE: NEW APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2012. YOUTH HUNT – AUGUST 22, 2012,
PRE-REGISTERED HUNTS – SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

PRE-REGISTERED DRAWINGS

Applicants will apply by submitting an application to the St. Charles DNR Field Office. There is no fee to apply. Cards must be postmarked by **September 5, 2012**. Applications postmarked after the deadline or filled out incorrectly will not be entered in the drawing. You do not need return postage on the card; this card will not be returned to you.

Instructions for Completing Pre-registered Hunt Applications

- Applicants may apply **once** and may choose only **ONE (1) hunt**. Hunt Choice Code Numbers for State hunts are listed below.
- Hunters must mail a 4" x 6" card or other standard postcard (not a piece of paper) to **DNR Field Office, 225 E. Spruce St., St. Charles, MI 48655-1309** with following information on one side of the card:
 - Name
 - Address – City – State – Zip
 - Date of Birth
 - Phone Number
 - Driver's License Number or Sportcard Number (Do Not Use Hunter Safety Number)
 - Hunt Choice Code Number
- Hunters may apply with one "partner" (maximum of two people in one party) in which case they will both receive a permit or neither will receive a permit. "Partners" must apply for the same Hunt Choice Code Number. For those who wish to apply as partners, **each hunter** must fill out a card and the cards must be mailed together in one envelope.
- Hunters who are successful for antlerless permits will be notified with instructions on how to purchase a Deer Management Unit 273 Public Land Antlerless Deer license using the Retail Sales Licensing system.
- Only successful applicants will be notified. They will be notified by October 10, 2012.

STATE PRE-REGISTERED HUNTS SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA

HUNT CHOICE CODE #	DATES	TYPE	HUNT AREA	NUMBER HUNTERS	2011 APPLICANTS	HARVEST PERMITS
103	Nov. 08-Nov. 14	Archery	1*	150	198	State Regulations
104	Nov. 15-Nov. 19	Shotgun	2**	100	157	State Regulations
105	Nov. 20-Nov. 24	Shotgun	2**	100	51	State Regulations
106	Nov. 25-Nov. 30	Shotgun	2**	100	148	State Regulations
107	Dec. 07-Dec. 11	Muzzle	2**	100	103	State Regs. & 25% Antlerless
108	Dec. 12-Dec. 17	Muzzle	1*	100	352	State Regs. & 25% Antlerless
109	Dec. 18-Dec. 23	Muzzle	1*	100	105	State Regs. & 25% Antlerless

HUNT AREAS: ***Area 1** – Entire area, except state wildlife refuge.

** **Area 2** – "A" Areas Only.

Antlerless allotments are subject to change

SEPTEMBER YOUTH FIREARM DEER HUNT

30 permits will be issued from the St. Charles Field Office. Permits will be issued by a pre-registered drawing. To apply, hunters must mail a 4" x 6" card (not a piece of paper) to the St. Charles Field Office with the following information on one side of the card: Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Date of Birth, Phone Number, Driver's License Number or Sportcard Number (**do not** apply with a hunter safety number) and write: "YOUTH HUNT". Youths less than 14 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Youth 10-16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Youth less than 10 that are hunting under the Mentored Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. An adult accompanying a youth cannot possess or carry a firearm or bow and does not need a deer hunting license. Adults do not need to fill out an application for the youth hunt. Hunter orange must be worn by all. **Deadline to apply for the youth hunt is August 22, 2012.** Successful youths will be notified by August 31, 2011. Youth may also apply for a pre-registered hunt during regular deer season hunts. (Note: Received 41 applications in 2011). **273 Antlerless deer permits are not valid in this hunt.**

OPEN ARCHERY HUNTS

Open archery deer hunting permits for selected hunt periods are available to all hunters in addition to the pre-registered hunt for which you may have been selected. Hunters may obtain permits for three hunt periods: October 1 - November 7, December 1 - 6, and December 24-January 1. Hunters may obtain these permits from the St. Charles Field Office in person (**please call ahead for office hours**), by mail or fax (include name, address, driver's license or sportcard number, date of birth, and hunt period selection from periods listed below). If requesting permits by mail or fax (989)865-8503, you may mail or fax for them at any time. We will send you the permit on the first day of the pick up dates below. **Telephone permit requests will not be accepted.**

Archers may hunt the entire game area, except State wildlife refuge (refer to State Game Area map).

Permits may be picked up as follows:

ARCHERY HUNT PERIODS

October 1 - November 7

December 1 - 6

December 24 - January 1

PICK UP PERMITS ON THESE DATES

September 17 - November 7

November 13 - December 6

December 07 - December 20 (**Note permits are not available after December 20**)

GENERAL INFORMATION

FEES:	\$13.00 for Waterfowl Area Use Annual (code 138) or \$4.00 for Waterfowl Area Use Daily (code 137) is required for all deer hunts, in addition to a deer hunting license. These can be obtained at any license dealer.
FIREARMS:	Same as statewide regulations except the possession and use of buckshot is prohibited on Shiawassee River State Game Area.
BOAT ACCESS:	No boat access is allowed in B, C and D.
PERMITS:	You must carry your issued permit with you during your hunt period.
PERMIT RETURNS:	Permits must be returned within 48 hours after last day of hunt period.
TREE STANDS:	Must be portable and can be placed on the first day of your hunt period and can remain until the last day of your hunt period. Stands must have name and address affixed to them, which can be seen from the ground.
DEER CHECK:	Hunters are encouraged to bring deer to a DNR check station to assist in our collection of bio-data and disease surveillance, to improve our deer management program. Call office for check station hours.
BUTTON BUCKS:	Hunters are encouraged to carefully look at antlerless deer before shooting to minimize the chance of harvesting a button buck or young male. Allowing button bucks to survive will increase the buck to doe sex ratio on this area.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

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PO BOX 30028
LANSING MI 48909-7528

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3054 WEST GRAND BLVD, SUITE 3-600
DETROIT MI 48202

Or → OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS
US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
4040 NORTH FAIRFAX DRIVE
ARLINGTON VA 22203

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